# **METRO Orange Line Bus Rapid Transit**



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Why BRT?



#### **Less Boarding Delay**



#### **Congestion-free Ride**



#### All-day, Frequent Trips



### Reliable Service



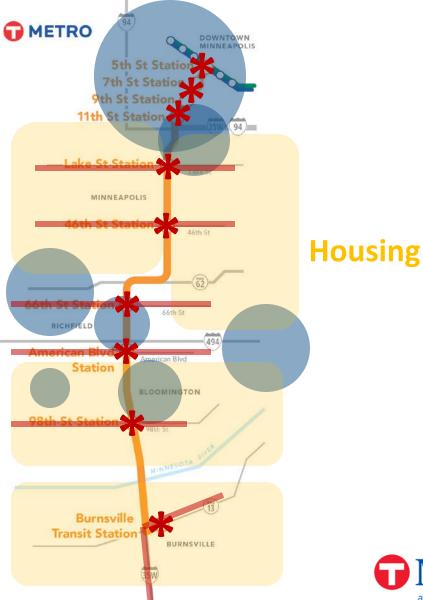
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### **Transit Connections**





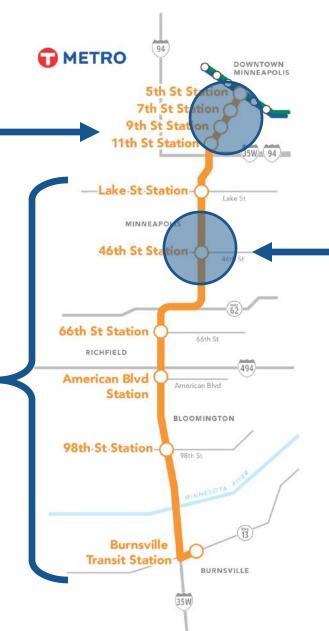
### **Build on Past Investments**



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**MnPass Lanes** 



46<sup>th</sup> Street





## **Improve Capacity of Existing Facilities**

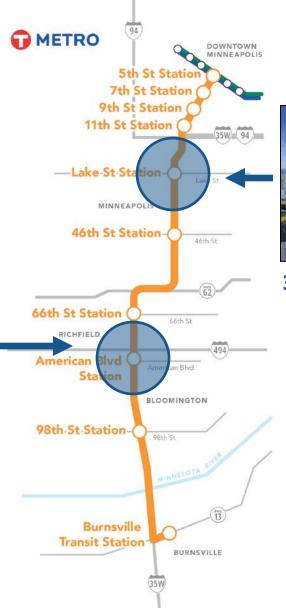


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## **Catalyze Planned Projects**



494/35W Interchange





### 35W Lake Transit/Access Project



### **Improve Fleet and Service**







- New vehicles for station-to-station service
- Low floor, multi-door boarding
- New station-to-station service
- Explore transit advantages on 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Streets in downtown



## **Project Coordination**

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#### I-35W Orange Line

• Fleet

- Ticket vending machines
- 66<sup>th</sup> Street
- 98<sup>th</sup> Street
- Burnsville Transit Station improvements
- Minor downtown improvements

Lake Street Transit Station

### I-35W/Lake Transit Access Project

Highway rampsBridge replacementBike/ped connections

American Blvd Transit Station & Park & Ride

#### I-494/35W Project

I-494/35W flyoverHighway and Access improvements



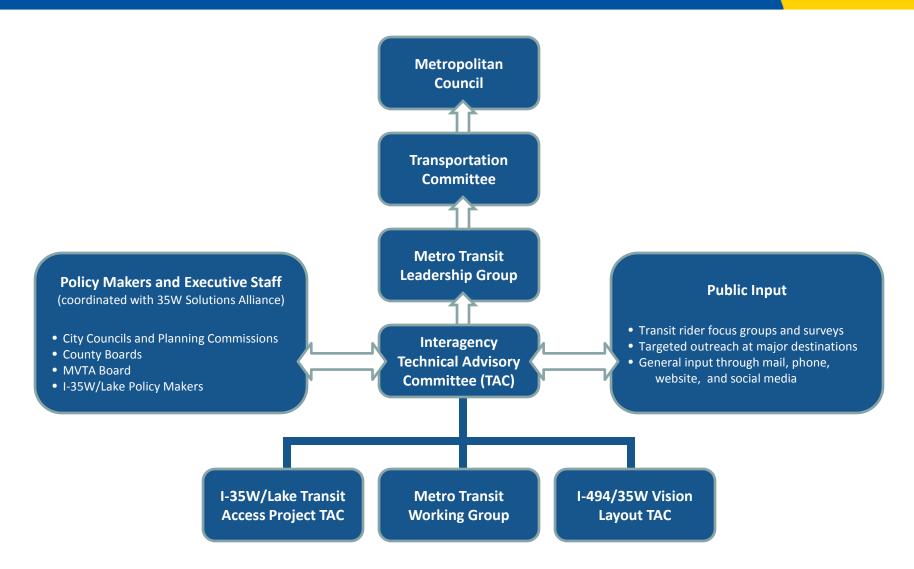
	2013 Goals
1	Document previous planning
2	Determine environmental (NEPA) path
3	Develop existing conditions report
4	Compile demographic & land use information
5	Review transit service planning
6	Forecast ridership
7	Create conceptual design for 66 <sup>th</sup> , 98 <sup>th</sup> & BTS
8	Develop project scope, budget & timeline
9	Define implementation roles & responsibilities
10	Scope Orange Line Phase II



	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Develop Orange Line Project Plan Update						
Apply for Funding						
Public Input for Planning						
Orange Line in Project Development						
Complete Environmental Work						
Orange Line Construction						
Service Restructuring Plan						
Orange Line in Service (Phase I)						
Coordinate with Related Projects						



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